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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joseph C. CAUTHEN

Application No.: **10/075,615**

Filed: **February 15, 2002**

For: **SPINAL DISC ANNULUS
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND
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) Group Art Unit: 3738

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) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay

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) Confirmation No.: 2841

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, the period for response having been extended to December 3, 2004 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include: (a) Declaration of Joseph C. Cauthen under 37 C.F.R. §1.131; (b) Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c); and, (c) an exhibit entitled "Cauthen Timeline" showing relevant dates between May, 1998 through October, 1999.